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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jui-Lin Chen : Group  
 Serial No: 10/618,620 : Art Unit #1634  
 Filed: 15 July 2003 : Examiner:  
 Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING A PROPENSITY OF : C.J. Myers  
 AN INDIVIDUAL TO RESPONSE EFFECTIVELY  
 TO TREATMENT OF INTERFERON AND :  
 RIBAVIRIN COMBINED THERAPY

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop – Amendment  
 Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner issued an Office Action dated 21 November 2005 in the above-referenced Patent Application. The reply period having now expired, a Request and fee for a three (3) month Extension of Time is concurrently filed herewith to ensure timely filing.

Responsive to the Office Action dated 21 November 2005, please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 19 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 21 of this paper and include one (1) replacement sheet.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one (1) replacement Drawing sheet of Fig. 1 is attached following page 24 of this paper.